(e) whether the 21-stoi»iy Vikas Minar does not possess as 'NOC and the fire-fighting measures are not adequate,;

(f) what is Government's reaction in regard thereto and what measures Government contemplate to take in this regard;

(g) what safety precautions are being taken with regard to the buildings mentioned in part (a) above, in the light of recent fire accidents in high-rise buildings in Delhi; and

(h) whether a ceiling is proposed To be put in future on the number of storeys to be raised on buildings in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The particulars are given in the Statements I and II laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 32].

(c) 207.

(d) The Statement I [See -Appeniix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 32] also includes high-rise buildings belonging to the Government.

(e) Vikas Minar is one of the buildings without 'No Objection Certificate'.

(f) and (g) Tbe. "Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Bill, 1986" has been passed by the Metropolitan Council of Delhi. It proposes to confer on the Delhi Fire Service additional powers to enforce fire safety measures. Delh] Fire Service has asked the buildetrs/plromoters of high-rise buildings to provide safety measures in their buildings within a period of 3 months.

(h) There are height restrictions depending upon localities and usage of buildings. These are prescribed in the unified building bye-laws.

Irrigation projects in Orissa

*132. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM:
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) the progress made so far in tlie completion of different major irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) the number of such major ongoing irrigation projects in Oriss£ expected to be completed by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the total hectares of additional land in Orissa that could be brought under irrigation on completion of each of these major ongoing irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Out of 9 major Plan projects in Orissa, three projects have been completed and six projects are under construction.

;(b) One major ongoing project is expected to be completed in VII Plan.

(c) An additional potential of 8.68 lakh ha. is expected to be created on completion of the major ongoing projects.

Procurement of Copra and Coconut Kernel by the Kerala State Cooperative Marketing- Federation

*133. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of Copra and Coconut kernel procured by the

Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation during last year;

(b) what is the extent of loss suffered by Markfed in thi$_s$ regard;

(c) whether the Central Government have given grant/subsidy to cover up the loss, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to stabilise the market price of copra and also give relief to coconut growers throughout th*?, country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) During 1985-86, the Keral$_a$ State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. (MARKFED) purchased 11,H0 tonnes of copra under its own and state price support schemes.

(b) The losses incurred by MARKFED on the operations are yet to be finalised.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The market intervention scheme evolved by th$_e$ Central Government envisaging purchase of copra at Rs. 1200/- per qtl. of Fair Average Quality is a measure t$_0$ facilitate reasonable return$_s$ on conra and benefit Coconut growers. As a result, the market price has since been stabilished and ruling above the indicative price.

British assistance for modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant

*134. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.K. has agreed to finance the modernisation of the Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) if $_s$o, what are the details thereof; and,:

(c) by when modernisation is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) In preliminary discussions with the Government of U.K., they have shown their willingness to offer financial aid for the modernisation of the Durgapur Steel Plant.

(c) The time frame of completion of the modernisation proposal will be known after the scheme is approved by Government.

Coverage of public meetings of political parties by Doordarshan

*135. PROF, C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Min jter of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether there are any guidelines for coverage by Doordarshan of the public meetings and functions arranged by various political parties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The guidelines provide that political activities are noticed by Doordarshan strictly on the basis of their news worthiness and in the matter of coverages of political parties theve is no bias in favour of one party or the other.

Scholarship racket

•136. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a rnultimillion rupee scholarship racket has